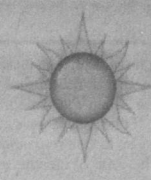


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## Nader Bemoans Corruption of U.S. Politics

By METOKA WELCH  
Staff Writer

Former Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader spoke about the corruption of American democracy and the growing success of the Green Party on Tuesday for a near-capacity crowd at UNC's Gerrard Hall.

About 100 people attended the event, some paying \$10 or \$30 to hear Nader and for a question-and-answer session with the former candidate, who received 3 percent of the popular vote during the 2000 election.

Students United for Responsible Global Environment hosted the event, raising more than \$2,000 for the N.C. Green Party, in a room covered with signs that read "Nuclear disarmament is our best defense" and "Welcome Nader, N.C. loves you."

Nader addressed the Green Party's response to what he sees as a democracy dominated by the two-party system and corrupted by money from big busi-

ness. "Politicians represent big bucks and big corporations, and they are supposed to represent you," he said.

The left-wing Green Party traditionally supports issues such as environmental protection, grassroots democracy and serving the interests of the non-wealthy.

Nader said the Green Party is more "for the people" than traditional political parties, which he said move toward big businesses and the rich.

"Rampaging expansion of corporate power destroys democracy bit by bit in installment plans," he said. "When you get a society that allows too much power to be held by too few people, you get problems and injustices."

Some Green Party members said his vocalization about the party could not have come at a better time.

And Chapel Hill Town Council member Joyce Brown said Nader's presidential campaign helped the Green Party more than it harmed it.

"As we see more and more signs of

environmental destruction, serious questions about social and economic directions (arise)," she said. "Ralph Nader speaks out (about the issues) at the national level."

Mark Marcoplos, a Chapel Hill resident who supports the Green Party, also said Nader has been beneficial to a party that no one seems to want to support.

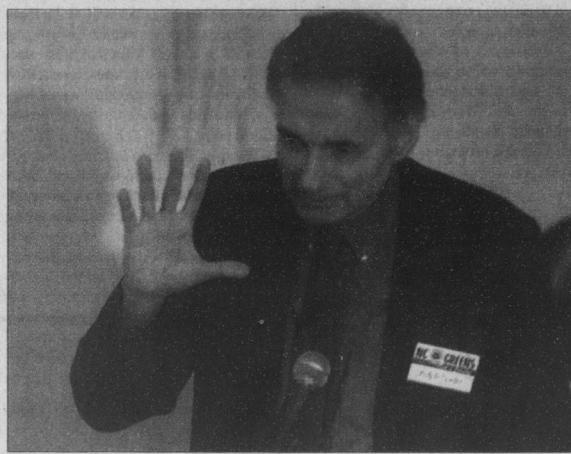
"Ralph Nader's run for presidency energized many of us," he said. "It was a pleasure to hear cogent remarks from a political presidential candidate."

Since Nader's 2000 presidential bid, Green Party membership has risen and participation with sister organizations, such as SURGE, are increasing.

Senior SURGE member Harry Halpin said his organization's views and Green Party objectives are very similar.

"Our goal is to promote awareness of social, economic and environmental justice," he said. "There is an important alliance between us and the Green

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Ralph Nader speaks in Gerrard Hall on Wednesday afternoon about the growing success of the Green Party and its message.

## BOG Plans Tuition Evaluation

The board will review its policy on tuition increases initiated by campuses after approving 11 in two years.

By KATHLEEN HUNTER  
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The Board of Governors decided Wednesday to re-examine its two-year-old tuition-setting policy in light of its concurrent approval of six campus-initiated tuition requests.

The BOG gave the green light to tuition increases at Appalachian State University, N.C. Agricultural & Technical State University, N.C. Central University, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Greensboro and UNC-Pembroke.

The board also approved a request to increase tuition for various graduate and professional programs at UNC-Chapel Hill, specifically excluding currently enrolled medical and dental students from any increase.

Only a slight dispute arose among board members as to the necessity of the six campuswide increases. But most seemed to agree that the frequency with which the BOG has approved campus-initiated tuition requests proves that flaws exist in the board's tuition-setting policy, adopted in November 1998.

"It made sense conceptually, and now we see what happens practically," said UNC-system President Molly Broad. "I think (the board) cares very sincerely about reassessing the policy."

The BOG plans to begin its re-evaluation at an April workshop. Board members declined to speculate on what changes the BOG would consider.

The six increases, which will largely fund faculty salaries and financial aid aimed at offsetting the increased cost, raise the total number of UNC institutions that have been granted campus-initiated tuition increases in the past two years to 11.

In February 2000, the BOG approved campus-initiated tuition requests at five other system schools, including UNC-Chapel Hill.

The board's tuition-setting policy, besides providing a framework for handling systemwide inflationary tuition increases, states that campus-initiated tuition requests only be allowed under extraordinary circumstances.

Andrew Payne, the BOG's lone student representative, was one of three board members to speak out against the



BOG student representative Andrew Payne said he supports re-examining the tuition policy.

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## Rent Ideas Ready for Council

The Rental Licensing Task Force's proposals focus on making both tenants and landlords more accountable.

By COKE WHITWORTH  
Staff Writer

Residents and town officials decided against a proposal that would have made affordable housing in Chapel Hill even more scarce by further limiting the number of unrelated people living under one roof.

The Rental Licensing Task Force held its fifth and final meeting Tuesday night at the Chapel Hill Public Library to fine-tune the Rental Licensing Program proposal that the group will present to the Chapel Hill Town Council later this month.

The licensing program is a complaint-driven system that task force members say will be used to help enforce the existing Chapel Hill Housing Code.

Town Council members, residents, landlords and renters make up the task force. The members decided not to support a proposal that recommended reducing the number of unrelated people who can live together legally from four to two.

Brittany Whitesell, one of two UNC students on the task force, said students should be happy with the group's recommendation.

"The proposal is a good thing from a student's perspective because it didn't make the existing housing codes any more strict," Whitesell said. "The idea of limiting the number of tenants is not addressed in the proposal, and that is beneficial for students."

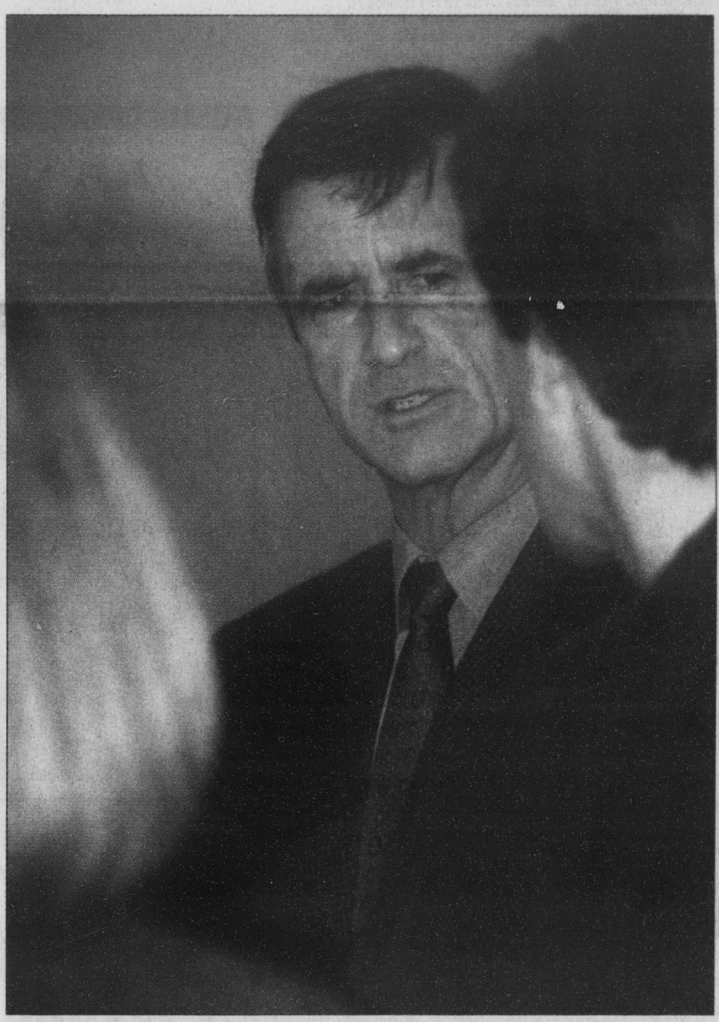
Affordable housing was not the only issue the task force was considering. Permanent town residents also raised concerns about noise, parking and trash problems and both landlord and renter accountability.

The licensing program would require property owners to officially license any property they plan to lease. To obtain licenses, property managers and land-

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Task force member Lee Conner said the Internet would help keep landlords and tenants accountable.



UNC's new Provost Robert Shelton tours the School of Information and Library Science on Wednesday. Shelton is working to gain an understanding of the University's future needs.

## New Provost Adjusts to Hectic Days

Robert Shelton compares his days full of learning about the University to the challenge of keeping up with the work that comes with a new class.

By STACEY GEYER  
Staff Writer

Years ago, Robert Shelton bought a pocket-sized leather organizer that now holds a printout of his jam-packed daily agenda—one that kept him a step or two behind schedule Wednesday morning.

Taking his hectic schedule in stride, the new provost found time to confer with the chancellor, talk to an outside expert about research doctorate programs, take a tour of Manning Hall and discuss Native American issues at UNC with a faculty member—all before squeezing in a bite to eat at noon.

"I need seven hours of sleep," Shelton said. "Now I'm getting six, maybe 5 1/2."

Shelton, who came to UNC from his post as vice provost for research at the University of California Office of the President, is now in his fifth week as the University's provost and executive vice chancellor.

He said such a dual role is necessary to keep UNC's business decisions and academic vision in sync. Shelton's provost hat requires him to focus on academia, while his other role gives him a broader look at what it takes to operate a university. The provost, who is the University's second-in-command, is accountable to the chancellor for the conduct, coordination and quality of the University's academics and researching efforts.

Overlooked finishing touches in Shelton's office might be a reflection of how he spends much of his time: roaming outside the bounds of South Building.

A full day of work begins at 7 a.m., but by 10 a.m., Shelton's morning had already featured two other

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## New Greek Director Promises to Unite, Empower

By RACHEL CLARKE  
Staff Writer

The new director of Greek affairs discussed the future of campus fraternities and sororities Wednesday afternoon at an informal reception held to welcome him on his first day at UNC.

Jay Anhorn, the former assistant director of student activities at Coastal Carolina University, kicked off his new position by chatting with the students and faculty with whom he will be working.

Anhorn was named to the post last month by Cindy Wolf Johnson, associate vice chancellor for student affairs. Interim

Director of Greek Affairs Aaron Nelson had held the position since October, when former Director Ron Binder retired.

While those attending drank punch and munched on cookies, Anhorn's time was filled by the long line of students and faculty waiting to introduce themselves to him. "It's only day one, but I'm really excited because everyone has been really, really welcoming," he said.

Several people attending expressed enthusiasm about Anhorn's arrival. "I think he's qualified—very qualified, and I'm excited that we chose him," said Trenya Futrell, who was president of the UNC National Pan Hellenic Council for

the past two years.

Tom Darden, president of the Interfraternity Council, agreed. "I think he's great," he said. "We're really looking forward to working with him."

Darden said the new director will have to unite the different factions within the Greek system. "I think one very important issue is going to be promoting the unity between the four councils," he said.

UNC's Greek system is composed of the UNC National Pan Hellenic Council, the Panhellenic Council, the Interfraternity Council and the Greek Alliance Council.

And Darden said he is confident

Anhorn will succeed. "Promoting diversity is going to be something he's going to do a really good job with," he said.

Paul Lee, the incoming president of Alpha Iota Omega Christian Brotherhood, said Anhorn has a responsibility to ensure that all Greek organizations are treated equally. "As part of the Greek Alliance Council, we hope to get the same attention as the other Greek groups on campus," he said.

Anhorn also said these are problems he will face. "There's a lot of diversity issues because we have four councils with four very different issues," he said.

While finding the common ground

between the groups, Anhorn said he will also encourage students to celebrate the groups' differences.

Anhorn said he will bring plenty of his own ideas to the Greek community at UNC. "My biggest thing is I'm very big into student empowerment," he said.

Already setting his agenda, Anhorn said he will spend his first few days meeting with all the Greek organizations to learn what their expectations are. "I feel like I'm going to learn as much from them as they will from me."

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The most important quality in a leader is that of being acknowledged as such.

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